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BEGIN SUMMARY. FINNISH REPRESENTATIVE OF TEOLLISUUDEN VOIMA (TVO) HAS CONFIRMED THAT THEIR UNDERSTANDING IS SAME AS THAT GIVEN IN REFTEL (A). APPARENT MIS-UNDERSTANDING REGARDING TERM "PRELIMINARY APPLICATION" USED IN REFAIR (B) FOLLOWS. TVO HAS ASKED FOR ASSURANCES THAT AEC WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES OF ENRICHED URANIUM, PROVIDED TVO COMPLETES CONTRACT NEGOTIATION WITH AEC BY JUNE 30, 1974. END SUMMARY.

1. OLAVI VAPAA VUORI, MANAGER OF TECHNICAL SERVICES AND OPERATIONS DIVISION OF TVO, CONFIRMED THAT AEC STATEMENT CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A) IS IN ACCORD WITH HIS UNDERSTANDING. TERM "PRELIMINARY APPLICATION" USED BY ANOTHER TVO OFFICE REFERS TO AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND AND THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY IN WHICH APPENDIX COVERING FINLAND'S ENRICHED URANIUM POWER REACTOR PROGRAM INCLUDES PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS OF TVO. VAPAAVUORI CONFIRMED THAT FUEL COSTS FOR TVO WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW FORMULA AND CRITERIA ANNOUNCED BY AEC. WHETHER FUEL COSTS UNDER NEW CRITERIA WOULD
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BE LOWER THAN UNDER OLD PROGRAM, HE SAID, WAS "DOUBT-

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FUL". VAPAAVUORI CONFIRMED THAT NO SUPPLY CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH USAEC HAD BEEN STARTED AS YET BECAUSE OF WORKOAD RELATED TO NEGOTIATION OF PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS WITH ASEA-ATOM. COMMENCING OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH USAEC, HE SAID, WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY TVO BOARD ON AUGUST 2. HE RAISED ONE QUESTION ON WHICH AEC REACTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. HE SAID IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT AEC, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII PARA D OF ABOVE BILATERAL AGREEMENT, ASSURES THAT THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL TO MEET PROJECTED TVO REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDED CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH AEC ARE COMPLETED BY JUNE 30, 1974. THIS MATTER IS BEING RAISED AT THIS TIME, HE SAID, BECAUSE SOME OTHER FINNISH TVO REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING BRUSSSELS SEMINAR JUNE 7 HAD RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT AEC FUEL SUPPLIES MIGHT PROVE INADEQUATE UNLESS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED BY END OF 1973.

2. ACTION REQUESTED. AEC COMMENTS ON TVO REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE THAT ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL SUPPLIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TVO, PROVIDED CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED BY JUNE 30, 1974.
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